Defendant’s Rights and the Role of the Judge and Jury

**Read the following information about a defendant’s rights and the role of a jury.**

In a criminal case in the United States, a defendant has the fundamental right to a trial by a jury where guilt has to be established beyond a reasonable doubt. At the jury selection and throughout the trial, the judge must make sure that the process is fair and that reliable and appropriate evidence is presented to the jury.

The jury should consist of a variety of qualified citizens in the defendant’s community. The members of the jury should be neutral and open-minded and must agree to reach a decision about a defendant’s guilt ONLY AFTER HEARING ALL OF THE EVIDENCE at trial.

**Make a prediction about how you think that the Hillsboro jurors will vote and what the verdict will be. To do so:**

* **Consider the type of questions that Mr. Brady and Mr. Drummond ask of each juror and what each attorney claims to be looking for in the selection of jurors.**
* **Think about the responses of the jurors and their religious practices.**
* **Evaluate the comments and rulings of the judge,**

**Use specific quotes and textual examples to support your response. Be sure to provide page numbers.**

**After your complete the evaluation on the following page,** MAKE A PREDICTION OF VERDICT BASED ON JURY SELECTION PROCESS **circle one:** guilty or not guilty

**Select a question** asked by Mr. Brady **or a comment made by him** that reveals what type of juror he is looking for. **Circle one:** BIASED or NEUTRAL/OPEN-MINDED and **give the page number.**

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**Select a q**uestion asked by Mr. Drummond **or a comment made by him** that reveals what type of juror he is looking for. **Circle one:** BIASED or NEUTRAL/OPEN-MINDED and **give the page number.**

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**Select a quote** made by **Bannister** that reveals what kind of JUROR he might be. **Circle one:** BIASED or NEUTRAL/OPEN-MINDED and **give the page number.**

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**Select a quote** made by **Dunlap** that reveals what kind of JUROR he might be. **Circle one:** BIASED or NEUTRAL/OPEN-MINDED and **give the page number.**

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**Select a quote** made by **the JUDGE** that reveals what kind of JUDGE he might be. **Circle one:** BIASED or NEUTRAL/OPEN-MINDED and **give the page number.**

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